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Arizona: The Cost of Inaction

Arizona Families Suffer

Arizona insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,355.
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,549.
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,909, a 116 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 46.1 percent of projected Arizona median family income.

More uninsured Arizonans

- ✓ Every day, 280 Arizonans lose their health insurance.
- ✓ During the last two years, 2,117,000 Arizonans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 37.5 percent of the under 65 population.
- ✓ In 2007, 1,237,322 Arizonans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 21.8 percent of the under 65 population.

Arizonans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Arizona families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,700 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured.

Fewer choices due to consolidated market

- ✓ The two largest health insurance companies in Arizona have a combined market share of 65 percent.

Arizona Businesses Suffer

Fewer Arizonans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 60.1 percent of Arizonans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance.
- ✓ In 2007, 53.6 percent of Arizonans had coverage through their employer.

Fewer Arizona small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 49.9 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees.
- ✓ In 2006, 32.3 percent of small businesses offered health benefits.

Arizona Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Arizona spent \$23.6 billion on health care.
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,103 per capita, and is 12.5 percent of the Gross State Product.

Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health

- ✓ This year, the Arizona economy will lose \$3.1 billion - \$6.2 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured.